









Mr. E. General Cameron, Mrs. Cameron and the three Misses Cameron will leave here to-morrow in the *Tokoro* for Japan.

The Agent of the M. M. Co. informs us that the S. S. *Oryx*, with the next French mail, will leave Saigon for this port to-morrow, Sunday, at 4 a.m.

A TELEGRAM to *Le Saigonnais*, dated Paris, 27th May 1886, announces the death of Lieutenant Colonel Herberling, commander of the French troops when they retreated from Langson.

Dr. Ayres will leave here to-morrow in the *Tokoro* on three months' holiday. After staying a few days in Japan, he will proceed to San Francisco. During Dr. Ayres' absence, Dr. Jordan will act as Colonial Surgeon.

The third steamer built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company for Messrs. Ulysses Pils & Co., Tonkin, named the *Muong*, made a successful trial trip to-day. Representatives of Messrs. Arnold, Karberg & Co., agents in Hongkong for the owners, were highly pleased with the construction and finish of the vessel and with the satisfactory working of the engines. The steamer attained on the measured mile a speed of 9 knots an hour, half a knot more than the contract speed. The principal dimensions of the vessel are—length between perpendiculars 85 feet, extreme breadth 15 feet, depth moulded 7 feet 6 inches. These steamers that have been constructed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company for Messrs. Ulysses Pils and Co. have each a carrying capacity of 700 piculs and a mean draft of 5 feet. They are each propelled by a pair of compound surface-condensing engines of 20 H. P. nominal. They are for service in the inland waters of Tonkin, and from their light draught of water, good carrying capacity and speed they are giving great satisfaction to the owners. The Dock Company have an order pending for other 10 steamers of a somewhat smaller class for the same owners acting on behalf of the Tonkin Government. It will be remembered that the extension of river communication formed a part of the new scheme of the French Government for the development of Tonkin, and it would seem that they are setting about the work with an energy and celerity that under favourable circumstances bid fair to change the face of the Delta before long.

A NEWSMAKER in the employ of Mr. R. Fraser-Smith was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. Mackean, with stealing from a lock-fast safe in Mr. Smith's office a cash-box containing three gold earrings and other property, the total value of which was about \$150. Mr. Smith said he left his office about a quarter past six o'clock yesterday evening and went upstairs to his room in Pender's Hill, returning, however, in about five minutes to the outer office. While there he heard a noise in his private office and walked smartly towards the room. Before getting there he heard a slam as if a door had been closed, and on entering he saw accused standing at an open window, having previously heard him move across the room. Mr. Smith asked the cooie what he was doing in the office, but could not catch what he said in reply. On looking towards his safe he noticed that the door of it was unlocked. He opened the door and found the cash box had been displaced and the contents emptied. The cashbook had fallen down and were lying by the door of the safe. Mr. Smith again asked the cooie what he was doing in the office and how he had managed to open the safe. The cooie said he had gone into the office to close the window. Mr. Smith then went up to the cooie and noticed a bunch of keys in his hand, which he took from him. They were found to be the keys of his office. One of the keys he took and fitted into the lock of the safe and found that it opened and locked the door. He then sent for his Chinese clerk and his house boy, and on their arrival asked the cooie to explain what he had been doing in the office and how long he had been opening the safe and taking money from it. No explanation, however, could be got out of the cooie, and Mr. Smith gave him in charge. For about a year, the complainant said, he had missed money from his safe. He missed \$200 a fortnight ago and \$25 the other day, and lately he was finding it very difficult to open the safe with his key. The accused had been told not to go there. The case was remanded till Monday.

A COMPANY for the manufacture of Hongkong of bricks, drain pipes, tiles, and cement is in course of formation. A syndicate of gentlemen largely connected with the commerce of Hongkong had been meeting to-day, at which they decided to form themselves into a company to be called the Hongkong Brick and Cement Company with a capital of \$100,000. One fifth of this amount is to be called up at once, and this will be utilized for starting the manufacture of bricks, tiles, and cement pipes. The manufacturing plant is to be taken up at the Victoria Works. It is the intention to have the company registered as early as possible, and we expect that this preliminary business may be completed within a month. Details are to be sent to England for the necessary papers in the manufacture of bricks, pipes and tiles. The shares of the company have been sold, and all subscribed by the syndicate. The position

of the works has not yet been definitely fixed, but we understand that Belcher's Bay has been suggested to the gentlemen interested, and that the works may not be far from that place. This is the first attempt to start an industry of the kind in Hongkong, and certainly there should be a good market here for first class bricks and tiles. The most of the bricks used in Hongkong have come from Canton and their quality has not been such as to permit of any high buildings being erected with a reasonable security. The Chinese bricks are soft and yielding and cannot bear a great weight upon them, whereas the company are to make a substantial article. Another boon which they will offer will be properly fired tiles, through which no seepage can percolate—certainly a great advantage over the present brick drains with an ooze of sewerage that might contaminate the whole town.

MUCH has been said and written on the fact that Mr. W. D. Spence, formerly of H. B. Consular service in Formosa, has left the employ of the British Foreign Office. Whether he has left that service for good, or has only been lent temporarily for consular purposes, has been discussed freely enough—with the result, as usual, that each has his own opinion on the matter, and none but the few immediately concerned know very much about it. What ever may have been the reasons for this step, Mr. Spence is now generally admitted to have entered the service of a leading China firm; and we are not very far wrong in stating that he still has the option of returning to the Consular service, if he has a mind to do so. We doubt, however, whether the credit (if any) of this step belongs to the Foreign Office. At all events, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., whose enterprise is many-sided and far-reaching, are not likely to have secured the able services of Mr. Spence in vain. We hear that a large contract for 30-ton Armstrong guns has already been placed, for the Viceroy of Formosa (Liu Ming-chuan), and that this contract will extend to the sum of six lakhs of dollars. Clearly it is the intention of the Chinese authorities to be ready when the next enemy approaches their Formosan ports. Much talk has also been going on about the establishment of a railway between Twatwa (near Tamsui) and Keelung; and it was reported to us the other day, upon fairly good authority, that Mr. Spence had been successful in negotiating for the construction of that line. Liu Ming-chuan, who is also the Commander-in-chief of the Chinese forces in the island, being given as the contractor on the other side. The line is ostensibly for military purposes, and that plan will probably be offered to it. But so far as we can learn, no definite arrangement as to this project has been arrived at up to the present. The Chinese would like to see such an idea carried out, but it is not yet. While congratulating all concerned upon even this prospect thus dimly opened up, it may be noted as somewhat remarkable that the smallest and in a way the least known of the Treaty Ports should threaten to be the pioneer of the new era.

THE AMERICAN CANADIAN FISHERIES DISPUTE seems to be in a fair way to arouse more hostile feeling between the people of the Great Republic and those of Canada than any question which has agitated the two countries for many years past. This question has been the cause of violent disputes from time to time since the beginning of the century, and the present one is likely to turn out as bitter as any of its predecessors. It may help our readers to understand the matter better if we give a brief resume of the history of the dispute and the points at issue. As far back as 1818, a Convention was signed between the two countries by which the United States, in consideration of the inhabitants of the States being allowed the liberty to take and cure fish on certain parts of Newfoundland and other portions of the coast of Canada, agreed to the exclusion of their fishing vessels from Canadian ports for all purposes connected with their business. This Convention was repeatedly broken by the Americans, and 'outrages' were of frequent occurrence. The Treaty of Washington was intended to settle this dispute among others, but it was left over, and then the British Government finally consented to refer the Alabama claims to a Joint High Commission, on condition that the fisheries dispute should be referred to the same body. The discussion was again avoided, however, by the framing of certain 'fishery clauses' added to the Washington Treaty, under which a temporary arrangement of the question was effected. These clauses have been denounced by the U. S. Government, and they ceased to have effect in July last; while a provisional arrangement for continuing their operation during the then current fishing season has also expired. This was how matters stood at the opening of this season. In April last an American vessel was seized for an infraction of the rules, but was afterwards released, as it was the first offence. At that time, however, it was announced that in future the law would be strictly enforced, and to-day's telegram shows conclusively that the Canadians are fulfilling their threat. At the time of the first seizure several protests were made by some of the Canadian fishermen against such treatment, which they pointed out stopped their trade with the American vessels and

prevented thousands of Canadians from shipping on board of them, although this was their usual employment. The American view of the question is that the New England fishermen should be permitted to use Canadian ports in order to procure bait, trawling fish, purchase fishing outfit, and hire hands. And the Canadians are willing to accord this, and far more; but only on condition that the Americans consent to revive reciprocal trade relations on reasonable terms. This demand seems only reasonable, and we cannot wonder at the Canadians strictly enforcing the rule. At the same time it is a great pity that no definite arrangement has before this been made between the two Governments. A Joint Commission ought not to find the difficulty insuperable of solution.

SIR JOHN WALSHAM, H.B.M.'s Minister for China, was to leave Shanghai for the North on Tuesday, the 1st inst.

THE *Mercury* of the 29th ultimo says—Shao Tsai, we hear, has left Tientsin for Shanghai, and will, after a short stay in our port, proceed to Hongkong.

THREE more Hankow tea steamers have passed Wousung, homeward bound. The *Taiwan* passed out of the Yangtze on Friday, the 28th ultimo; the blue funnel boat *Tian* arrived at the Red Buoy at 11.30 on Saturday, the 29th, and left again at 11.50; and the *Glamorganshire* steamed out about noon on the 30th.

THE Austrian gunboat *Nautilus* was to leave Shanghai for Korea to-day, the 5th inst. After visiting the treaty ports in the ex-Herbert Kingdom, she will call at Wladivostok and various ports in Siberia, re-visit Japan, and then be expected turning back to Japan. She is expected to leave the country about September, to return, homeward-bound, to Hongkong, where she will await the arrival of her relief, the corvette *Aurora*—*Mercury*.

THE *Shih Pao* (the *Times*) of the 26th ult. says that His Ex. Wu Ching King, who, in accordance with an Imperial Decree, went to Ning Kuo Tsu (Wladivostok) to inspect and arrange the boundaries between Russia and China, arrived at that place long ago, but a letter dated the 28th of the 3rd moon from His Ex. says that the Russian Commission had not arrived up to that date, although the Russian Government had long before been communicating with, and the time fixed.

SAYS the Tientsin correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury*—A German friend says that the agents of the German Syndicate have succeeded at Chefoo in getting His Ex. the Governor of Shantung and Chang Yao to interest themselves in railroads. The same correspondent gives an instance of Chinese munificence which, we think, is not often met with. Prince (Yi)un has heard Li an extra month's pay for every mile can be reviewed, the amount being about \$15,000.

SAYS the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 28th ultimo—M. Kraetzer, Consul-General for France at Shanghai, has just returned from Tientsin having been there for some weeks past, will, we hear, proceed to that port in a few days. He has been detained by the unexpected delay of Mr. Cogordan's return from Korea. It is now reported that the French Minister is expected to leave Shanghai for home by a steamer, which will leave on the 8th inst.—Mr. Kraetzer will be his *locum tenens*.

PREMISES, the most singular fact recorded in figures showing the nationality of the Army. Whereas Ireland used to be the great recruiting field, it has now come down in this respect to the level of Scotland. There are still more Irishmen than Scotchmen in the ranks, the figures being respectively for the 30th of June about 13,000 for the Irish and 8,300 for the Scotch. But almost as many recruits were raised from Scotland as from Ireland during the past year, and the Irish recruits were little more than ten per cent of the whole supply. This is from some points of view a result as valuable as significant.

SAYS the *N. O. D. News*—News has been received in Tientsin that the young Emperor is ill, and that a celebrated doctor has been sent for, and that his Majesty is suffering from consumption. Fears are expressed, which we hope are groundless, that the tragic fate of the late Emperor will be repeated; that the Empress is too fond of power to give it up and go into retirement, as she will have to do when Kwang Si attains his majority, and that she would not be sorry if circumstances connected with the nomination of a child emperor, with the loss of her term of regency for herself. These are merely rumors, and must only be taken at what they are worth.

THE *Shanghai Courier* of the 28th ultimo records—This morning, Mr. Geo. A. Shuffeldt, Marshall and Clerk of the U. S. Consular Court, was superintending the clearing out of some drawers at the Consulate, when a fire was discovered. Through the kindness of the consular authorities, and not knowing the dangerous character of the article found, Mr. Shuffeldt, holding it in his right hand, applied a match to the fuse, which burst for a few seconds, emitting large sparks. Mr. Shuffeldt, the Interpreter at the Consulate, advised Mr. Shuffeldt to throw it down but before the request was complied with, the fuse exploded with a loud report, shattering the thumb and fore-finger of Mr. Shuffeldt's right hand severely. 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Asanuma, H.	1	Kirby, P. H.	1		
Barnes, Jos.	1	Lavey, Adol.	1		
Band, R. N.	2	Loy Hong	1		
Blond, H.	1	Lupo, Cesare	1		
Bouillon, A.	1	Marricote, G. W.	2		
Brown, J.	1	regd. Mascot, J.	1		
Bush, L. C.	1	regd. McMurray, W. H.	1		
Case, Prof. H. E.	1	McNiville, Miss E. A.	1		
Chief Locomotive Engineer	1	Milchot, T. W.	1		
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Clear, E. S.	1	Mizuo, G.	1		
	1	Mitchel, J.	1		

Combs, J. H. 1	Mortimer, Miss B. 1
Conley, Mrs. J. 1	Morris, H. 1
Crathorn, E. 1	Nacey, N. 1
Currie, W. J. 1	Nau, E. 1
Davis, G. 6	Clenden, E. P. 2
Dalton, M. 1	1 Orr, W. E. 1
Derham, H. 1	1 Otis, W. 1
Durant, Mrs. 1	1 Pearce, G. 1
Edwards, R. M. 1	1 Poole, C. W. 1
Cheruback, R. 2	Romani, E. 1
Erakine, A. K. 1	Rubco, T. 1
Farrell, R. H. O. 1	Russell, M. 1
Feldner, A. 1	Ryan, J. 1
Field, Jr., A. 1	Schittner, D. 2
Foster, I. 1	1 Shapiro, C. 1
Garnier, E. 1	1 Sitt, J. M. 1
Georges Franco 1	1 Smith, Y. 1
Gent, J. 3	3 Temo, Raymond, Top
Groot, J. J. M. 1	Walton, J. 1
Greaves, R. 1	1 reg'd Walcott, Capt.
Henneghe, O. 1	1 Walker, L. W. 1
Horn, E. 1	1 Walcott, Mrs. B. 1
Jacquim, W. P. 1	1 Willis, B. 1

**DETAINED.**

Cotton, Mrs. Newport, Late of Wight, 1 parcel.

Fowler, Miss E., London, 1 parcel.

Hopper, Mrs. J., Glasgow, 1 parcel.

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	Let's.	P. B.	Let's.
A. McNeill	2	J. B. Stoddard	1
Alfred Waite	8	J. D. Peters	3
Almopolis	1	L. Avenice	1
Alt. Smith	2	Lucia	1
Ann Benjamin Serall	1	Maraca, s. a.	1
Bosque	1	repd. Martha Davis	1
Elly Shungoa	1	McMahon	1
Sovoid	1	Oasis	1
Erwinhide	1	Oberon	7
Bus Cao	1	Pachona	1
Ceylan	2	Pallion, s. s.	1
Charpincho	1	Pathan, s. s.	1
Cosida	3	Re entering Light	2
Course of Quebec	6	South American	1
Dartmouth	18	4 Southern Chief	5
E. J. Spencer	1	Spawny,	2
Earl of Zealand	1	Stephan	2

	Edwen Reed	1	Buller	1
	Ene	5	T. R. Oates	1
	Elizabeth	1	Timor, s.s.	1
	Rosser, s.s.	1	Tinglo, s.s.	1
	Exaino	1	Tobago	1
	G. C. Tobey	3	Undine	1
	General Erlamant	1	Varthine, s.s.	1
	Gloaming	14	Velox, s.s.	1
	Grafton, s.s.	2	Wallace	5
	Grandes	2	Walter Seigrist	1
	Hatti Bangs	8	Webfoot	4
	Importer	2	Zorova	1
	Ira Marx, s.s.	1	regt. Couvres of N. Y.	1
	Isaac Reed	1		

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Brisbane Courier.  
Correio do Falar.  
Diario de Cuba.  
Diario de Noticias.  
El Telégrafo.  
Evening Bulletin.  
Forklaring (Missions atlas).  
Gaceta de Madrid.  
Glasgow Weekly Mail.  
Il Secolo.  
Il Trovatore.

Ultracorne Chronos.  
 Japan's Cephalopod.  
 Journal de St. Petersburg.  
 La Tribune.  
 Lancet.  
 Le Francien.  
 Le Rappel.  
 Methodist Recorder.  
 Report of the Book and Tract Society of  
 Saturday Review.  
 Siam and Water Fittings.  
 The Academy.  
 Weekly Northern Whig.

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- \* Belgium.
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- \* Ceylon.
- + (Constantinople).
- \* Large.
- \* Madeira.
- \* Mauritius.
- \* Natal.
- \* Newfoundland.
- \* New South.
- \* North Borneo.
- \* Niagora.
- \* Norway.
- \* Peru.
- \* Rio de Janeiro.

	Cyprus.	Portugal.
	Denmark.	Queensland.
	Egypt.	Rangoon.
	Falkland Is.	S. Helena.
	Pochoow.	Eschschale.
	Gambia.	Shanghai.
	Germany.	Sierra Leone.
	Gold Coast.	South Australia.
	Hankow.	Strait Settlements.
1081	Hawaii.	Swatow.
	Hobow.	Sweden.
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	Iceland.	Taiwan.
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